



## UTAH HIGHWAY PATROL VEHICLE SAFETY SECTION

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# NEWSLETTER

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### ON-LINE PROGRAM UPDATE

We are getting closer to the release of the next update to the on-line program. This update will remove the inspection items that are not applicable to the type of vehicle that is being inspected. All vehicles that are a 'T' type of vehicle will have the inspection default to a regular passenger vehicle inspection. If a heavy truck inspection is required, the inspector will be required to click on the "Heavy Truck" vehicle type button. This will then change the screen over to the inspection items that are needed for a heavy truck inspection. Utah Interactive will not bill any station for a heavy truck inspection, since the fees are paid at the time of the sticker purchase. More information on heavy truck inspections will be sent out prior to the release of this update.

#### Safety Inspection Concerns:

We have had numerous vehicles pass safety inspection that does not meet the Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards. These vehicles are usually imported and are not manufactured for highway use. These vehicles are the Ariel Atom, which is manufactured to be driven on a track, and the Suzuki Mini-truck, which is manufactured for highway use in other countries but is not endorsed by NHTSA for use on public highways. Another issue has come up concerning Yamaha Rhinos. These are off-road vehicles and cannot be retrofitted with equipment for roadway use. They are also not classified as a low-speed vehicle. If your station has any vehicle that is in question, please contact your station investigator or our office.

#### Attention Inspectors:

During a safety inspection the inspector should be test driving the vehicle. This test drive can be done while pulling the vehicle into the bay or up to the inspection site. We have seen numerous instances where the inspector has failed to do so. Please ensure that you are taking the time to conduct a proper inspection of all interior and exterior items of the vehicle during inspection.

#### Recent Case Information:

Recently, one of our Safety Inspection Investigators investigated a case involving a 2006 GMC Sierra Dura Max Diesel. During this investigation, it was found that the steering wheel would bind when the brake pedal was applied, particularly while parking. General Motors issued a service bulletin (#1848789) acknowledging a pre-existing power assist condition, which can be aggravated by having worn tires, low tire air pressure, lower power steering pump pressure, and larger tires than stock size. Please make sure that all inspectors are aware that this same condition can be seen on any other vehicle make or model with this type of power assist system. If your station does come across a vehicle with this same condition, please make sure that the vehicle is rejected as it is noted in the 2007 Safety Inspection Manual.



PLACE STATION LICENSES AND  
INSPECTOR CARDS IN A  
CONSPICUOUS AREA.

CHECK EXPIRATION DATES OF  
INSPECTOR CERTIFICATION CARDS.

### FYI STATION MANAGEMENT

#### EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY!

All stations that are enrolled with the Utah Interactive On-line program will only be sold a maximum of **two books** of paper certificates that **should only be used as a backup**. Our goal for all on-line stations is to have all of their inspections completed on-line. We have monitored all of the systems downtime, and up to this point, we have not seen the need for any more than just the two books. Our office does carry a current list of all on-line stations and will review station sales history prior to a sale of any paper certificates. If your on-line station does require more paper certificates, before any further sales, we ask that you bring in the used back-up books so that we can view your usage and compare it to the downtime of the system. Also as a reminder, please remember to turn in all station reports to our office in a timely manner.

### ON-LINE PROGRAM VEHICLE INFORMATION

The VIN and plate lookup feature will auto fill the vehicle information directly from the DMV files. If the vehicle was inspected previously through the system, the vehicle information will come from that previous inspection. Some of this previous information could have manually been typed in and may contain some incorrect data. If you find that the lookup information is incorrect, you will manually need to input all of the vehicle's information. The next update to the program will correct this problem. Please verify all of the vehicle information that was pulled up from the system before continuing on past the vehicle information screen. We have received calls from inspectors concerned about vehicles that have had incorrect plates displayed during inspections. If your station experiences this, we are asking that you leave the incorrect plate number off of the inspection and use only the VIN. You can either input the vehicle information manually or you can utilize the VIN lookup feature.

#### Printing Problems:

We have been notified that there are still some stations that are having a problem with the viewing and printing of their on-line certificates. This problem can easily be corrected by updating to a newer version of Adobe. Utah Interactive is adding a direct link for this Adobe update to the station information tab of the on-line program. This should be available after the next program update.

#### Attention Stations:

Our office staff will no longer add an inspector to a station without first getting approval from a station manager or supervisor. If we do get a request to do so, our office staff has been instructed to ask for a supervisor or manager. Also, please remember to update us periodically with the inspectors that are currently assigned to your station. We have had some billing problems related to stations not updating us with their changes. If each station could provide us with the information as the changes are made, it would help us in preventing future billing problems.

## AGENCY ACTIONS

**Station/Inspector Name      Agency Action      Disposition**

Timpanogas Auto Repair #6962	180 day suspension	Upheld
John Miller #18223	180 day suspension	Upheld
Certified Tire & Service #7063	180 day suspension	Upheld
Brian Barton #11171	180 day suspension	Upheld
University Mall Big O Tire #6449	180 day suspension	Upheld
Taniela Filimoeatu #20815	180 day suspension	Upheld
Rolling Rubber #1541	60 day suspension	Upheld
Aaron Wheelwright #12921	15 day suspension	Upheld
Juan Ortega Auto #6184	15 day suspension	Upheld
Juan Ortega #14986	15 day suspension	Upheld
Joe Salazar #1296	15 day suspension	Upheld
Andrew Olsen #20166	15 day suspension	Upheld
Devon's Repair #1544	180 day suspension amended to 15 day suspension per hearing results	Upheld
Rod Burtenshaw #4217	180 day suspension amended to 15 day suspension per hearing results	Upheld
Robert Burgess #17203	180 day suspension amended to 90 day suspension per hearing results	Upheld
Canyonlands Tires #1167	180 day suspension	Upheld
Clint Black #8291	180 day suspension	Upheld
Auto Lube Express #5473	90 day suspension	Upheld
Jeffery Davis #2342	15 day suspension	Upheld
Russ Colby #19922	Issued agency citation for improper inspection	Upheld
Ross Morrison #915	Issued agency citation for improper inspection	Upheld
Angelique Gutierrez #20748	30 day suspension	Upheld
Aaron Allen #17200	15 day suspension	Upheld
Kerry Simonsen #20852	15 day suspension	Upheld
Millenium Auto #7080	Revoked	Upheld
Millenium Auto #6409	Revoked	Upheld

Millenium #6181	Revoked	Upheld
Desert Pine #2534	15 day suspension	Upheld
Lloyd's Tire & Auto #6286	15 day suspension per hearing results	Upheld
Stewart W. Ivie #19288	15 day suspension per hearing results	Upheld
Hassan Alkhafaji #21001	15 day suspension	Upheld
Wes' Express Care #6984	60 day suspension per hearing results	Upheld
Hyrum Auto Inc. #5842	180 day suspension amended to 90 day suspension per hearing results	Upheld
Kody H. McGhie #20774	Citation issued	Upheld
Advanced Auto Srvc #7023	15 day suspension	Upheld
Mark J. Stoknes #14568	15 day suspension	Upheld
Gary Cavaness #912	15 day suspension	Upheld
Arnolds Auto #5765	180 day suspension amended to 30 day suspension per hearing results	Upheld
Jared A. Harris #19615	180 day suspension	Upheld
Franklin Aldridge #250	15 day suspension	Upheld
Tom's Service #794	Revocation amended to a 90 day suspension per hearing results	Upheld
Tom Leishman #4836	Revocation of certification upheld per hearing	Upheld
Just Inc. #5133	15 day suspension per hearing results	Upheld
Candyann Fairless #19164	180 day suspension amended to 90 day per hearing results	Upheld
Tami Sill #12508	15 day suspension per hearing results	Upheld
Terrace Muffler #7102	15 day suspension	Upheld
Tyler J. Gale #18951	180 day suspension	Upheld
Iverson's Texaco #1083	180 day suspension amended to 30 day per hearing	Upheld
Kenneth Iverson #4101	180 day suspension amended to 30 day per hearing	Upheld



CHECK EXPIRATION DATES OF PLATEBRAKE TESTER CERTIFICATIONS.